

service, indicating the name of the vessels and dates on which he has had service, in what capacity and on what waters.

(d) If the applicant possesses a continuous discharge book, certificate of identification, or merchant mariner's document representing such certificate, it shall be exhibited at the time of making application for any other document.

(e) Approved applications are valid for 12 months.

(f) Except for applicants requesting an inactive merchant mariner's document renewal under § 12.02-27(g) of this part, to obtain an original issuance of a merchant mariner's document, the first endorsement as an able seaman, lifeboatman, qualified member of the engine department, or tankerman, or a reissuance of a merchant mariner's document with a new expiration date, each applicant shall present evidence of having passed a chemical test for dangerous drugs or of qualifying for an exception from testing in § 16.220 of this subchapter.

(g) Each applicant for an original merchant mariner's document may be required to submit to a criminal record check as required by § 12.02-4(c).

(h) Each applicant for an original merchant mariner's document or a merchant mariner's document reissued with a new expiration date shall comply with the NDR requirements in § 12.02-4(d).

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§ 12.02-10 Applications for documents from aliens.

(a) No application from an alien for a certificate of service, certificate of efficiency, certificate of identification, continuous discharge book, or merchant mariner's document shall be accepted unless the alien presents acceptable documentary evidence from the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service that he is lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence.

(b) This evidence may be in the form of an alien registration receipt card

issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service bearing the certification that the alien was admitted to the United States as an immigrant, or a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States issued by a naturalization court.

§ 12.02-11 General provisions respecting merchant mariners' documents.

(a) As provided in § 12.02-5, every certificate of service, certificate of efficiency, or certificate of identification issued or reissued shall be in the form of a merchant mariner's document, Coast Guard Form CG-2838.

(b) Any licensed officer or unlicensed seaman currently holding, in a valid status, any of the documents listed in paragraph (a) of this section may, upon request and without examination, be issued a merchant mariner's document.

(c) A merchant mariner's document shall be a certificate of service authorizing the holder to serve in any rating endorsed thereon, or in any lower rating in the same department, or in any rating covered by a general endorsement thereon.

(d)(1) A merchant mariner's document issued to a licensed deck officer will be endorsed for, *any unlicensed rating in the deck department except able seaman*, and will be a certificate of service authorizing the holder to serve in any unlicensed capacity in the deck department except able seaman without being required to present his license. If a licensed deck officer qualifies as able seaman the merchant mariner's document will be endorsed, *any unlicensed rating in the deck department including able seaman*, and such endorsement will be deemed to include a certificate of efficiency as lifeboatman.

(2) A merchant mariner's document issued to an engineer officer licensed for inspected vessels of over 2,000 horsepower will be endorsed for *any unlicensed rating in the engine department*, and will be a certificate of service authorizing the holder to serve in any unlicensed capacity in the engine department without being required to present his license. If a licensed engineer qualifies as a lifeboatman, the further endorsement, *lifeboatman*, will be placed on the merchant mariner's document.